

# CITY OF SPOKANE

Office of the Spokane City Council

## **P**roclamation

**WHEREAS**, "Ombuds" is a Scandinavian term that means "defender of the people's rights;" and

**WHEREAS**, today "Ombuds" generally refers to a person who may make an inquiry of an administrative action and tries to help the inquirer have the problem addressed fairly by the organization; and

**WHEREAS**, the Spokane City Charter established the office of police ombudsman in 2013 to provide the Spokane community access to services of an ombuds;

**WHEREAS**, disagreements, conflicts, complaints, confusion, and questions will inevitably arise in any government; and

**WHEREAS**, the fair and effective resolution of such issues is in the best interest of both the community and the City of Spokane, as it fulfills its mission of local governance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Spokane acknowledges the benefit of providing an independent, impartial, and confidential resource whose role is to monitor complaints against the Spokane Police Department and independently investigate and publish reports with findings and recommendations;

**WHEREAS**, the American Bar Association has established October 8, 2020, as Ombuds Day in the United States.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Spokane City Council, on behalf of the citizens of Spokane, does hereby proclaim October 8, 2020, as

### **OMBUDS DAY**

in Spokane.

I, Breean Beggs, Spokane City Council President,  
do hereunto set my hand and  
cause the seal of the City of Spokane  
to be affixed this  
5th day of October 2020.



Breean Beggs  
Spokane City Council President

